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Dear Sir:

- 1) This is NOT a Response to the Final Office Action of December 9, 2003. A Response will be filed in due course.
- 2) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Fourth Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references cited thereon. Applicants request that the references be made of record herein. A copy of a European Search Report issued on December 10, 2003 in a counterpart European Application is also enclosed.
- 3) In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d), this IDS is being filed before payment of the issue fee, includes the required certification (see next paragraph), and is accompanied by a Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) to cover the required fee of \$180.00
- 4) The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement, as seen from the European Search Report date of December 10, 2004.

- 5) References AE, AF and AG are each accompanied by an English Abstract.
- 6) Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of each of the references AE to AG by category (Y = relevant for obviousness in connection with another publication; A = technological background). Thereby, any requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609).
- 7) Note that JP 10-286845 also cited in the European Search Report has already been cited as reference AC in our IDS of November 4, 2002.
- 8) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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Fourth Form PTO-1449,
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